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Application of : Westberg et al.

Examiner: P. Bianco

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For : Blood Separation Systems and Methods Using Multiple Function Pump Station
to Perform Different On-Line Processing Tasks

AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this amendment.

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2001. An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including June 26, 2002, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 20, 21, 35, 41 and 42.

Please consider the following set of pending claims 1-3, 6-19, 22-34, 36-40 and 43-46, of which claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16-19, 22, 23, 28, 29, 33, 36, 40, 43 and 44 have been amended, as attached in clean form as well as in marked-up form showing changes in the amended claims relative to the previous version of the claims according to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3):